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# Dodd Opposes Kennedy on Katanga

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Lyndon Johnson, the Vice President, is always loyal to his friends, but some of his other friends around the White House wish he wouldn't overdo it.

The Democrat who has caused the Kennedy Administration most trouble lately is Sen. Tom Dodd of Connecticut.



Pearson sometimes called the Democrats' "bargain basement Joe McCarthy." One reason he has caused trouble is the fact that Vice President Johnson insisted that Dodd be put on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last year despite the fact that he lacked seniority and despite the fact that Sen. Joe Clark of Pennsylvania was in line for the vacancy.

Clark, however, had not backed Johnson for President, while Dodd had been for Johnson and against a man named Kennedy for the Democratic nomination.

It so happens that Tom Dodd is the only Senator who was once a registered foreign agent, having been paid at the rate of \$30,000 a year by the Guatemalan government after he left the House of Representatives and up until one

day before he entered the Senate.

Foreign agents are not the most unprejudiced people to appoint to the supposedly unprejudiced Foreign Relations Committee, and Dodd showed his prejudice by once offering a five-million-dollar amendment to the foreign aid bill for Guatemala. But Johnson pushed Dodd into the post anyway.

This spot on the Foreign Relations Committee gave Dodd authority to go to Africa a few weeks ago, where he proceeded to undermine the policy of his own Democratic President.

## Dodd's Speeches

First, he made a full-dress speech on the Senate floor attacking his own Administration's position in the Congo. Significantly, this speech was published in Elisabethville, capital of Katanga, a few hours before it was delivered in the Senate.

It has been learned that a representative of the "Katanga Information Center" in New York is a frequent visitor in Senator Dodd's office and that private planes have carried statements and speeches for Dodd from the Information Center in New York.

Later Senator Dodd went to the Congo and in a series of talks with President

Tshombe he told the break-away Congo leader that the State Department was influenced by Communists, and proceeded to encourage him to stand firm against the United Nations.

Meanwhile, President Kennedy was throwing the full weight of his Administration behind the United Nations.

At one point, Ed Gullion, U. S. Ambassador to the Congo, got President Kennedy on the trans-Atlantic phone to tell him that President Tshombe wouldn't meet with him because Senator Dodd had convinced Tshombe that the State Department was influenced by Communists.

In addition, Senator Dodd went on the Katanga radio and broadcast a flattering tribute to President Tshombe, the man who Dodd's fellow Democrat in the White House was opposing. This was heard all over Africa and monitored by foreign governments.

Finally the Senator from Connecticut whom Lyndon Johnson put in the key spot where he could make trouble came back to the United States and enlisted the support of the No. 1 elder statesman of the Republican party, Herbert Hoover, who once worked for British mining interests in the Far East, proceeded to issue a blast against the Kennedy Adminis-

tration's position in the Congo. All this happened just as Ambassador Gullion was trying to persuade Tshombe to negotiate with Premier Adoula of the Congo.

## Behind the Crimes

Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy's crackdown on gambling has put the racing wire service out of business. Betting on the horses has come to a virtual standstill, except at the race tracks. . . . Kennedy has sent a task force to Pittsburgh to knock out the Mannering mob, which runs the gambling dives and vice houses in nearby New Kensington. . . . He also has his eye on Miami, where the big-time gamblers have flocked for the winter. They are busy at their favorite sport in the back rooms of Miami Beach. . . . At Kennedy's instigation, Senate rackets chairman John McClellan has subpoenaed cabaret proprietors from Chicago, Baltimore and other sin centers. He is investigating their connections with gambling, white slavery, narcotics and other rackets. . . . The Justice Department will follow up McClellan's closed-door hearings with swift, vigorous prosecution. . . . McClellan has overlooked one sin center, however, in his own home state. Gambling and vice are flourishing in Hot Springs, Ark., without the slightest interference from McClellan's investigators.

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